

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2003
6:30 P.M.

Call To Order: The Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President Tim Shuppert called the meeting to order. Members present were Tracey Phillips, Charles Brown, Wilma Jo Kile and Denny Corn. Jack Harmon was absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Jan Voiles of the Rushville Republican and James Woods and Marty Frazier representing the Men's Softball League.

Minutes: Minutes of April 8th Executive Session, Park & Rec. Minutes on April 8th, April 24th Executive Session, Special Session on April 24th, and Executive Session on April 29th were presented for approval. Brown moved to approve all minutes. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Mathews stated that the Gazebo would be ready to erect in the park on the 20th of May. They are assembling it now and will take three days to put up.

We have two more shelter's to build.

Brown stated he has heard a lot of good comments on the small shelters.

Gospel Music in the Park will be June 1st.

This will either be at the Gazebo or on the old tennis courts.

Mathews stated that the Men's Softball diamond had an electric pole that was leaning and was very dangerous. He contacted Cinergy and they had to set a new pole, which was done at no cost to us. Rosfeld Electric has to install a new electrical box to bring up to code at a charge of \$3,010.

Mathews stated he has talked to Pete McCorkle on this and informed him that they would have to pay a part of the bill as we pay the electric bills and they need to take some responsibility.

Mathews stated he feels the schools use this too and they should be responsible for a portion of the bill as well.

Mathews recommended that the Men's Softball pay 40%; the School's pay 40% and the Parks Department pay 20%.

We set no guidelines when they can or can't use this ball diamond.

Mathews stated he feels this is up to the board but this is his recommendation.

After further discussion, Corn moved that the Men's Softball pay 40% at \$1,204, the School's pay 40% which is \$1,204 and the Parks Department pay 20% which is \$602. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews shared with the board the Pool Manager's staff choice.

Manager – Anita Carfield \$9.50

Co-Manager – Jean Kopf \$9.50

Assistant Manager – Stephanie Duncan \$7.50

Head Guards – Jamie Winters \$6.50

- Dustin Carfield \$6.25

Full-Time Guards – Angeline Wood \$6.50

- Jonathan Bitner \$6.25

- Andrew Carfield \$6.25

- Ashley Cameron \$6.25

- Jenna Busald \$6.25

- Georgia Osborne \$6.00

- Katy Sheehan \$6.00

Part-Time Guards	- Dominique Miller	\$6.25
	- Whitney Green	\$6.00
	- Chelsea Duncan	\$6.00
	- Katie Gordon	\$6.00
	- Jessica Keller	\$5.75
Concessions	- Megan Preizer	\$5.90
	- Lance Connolly	\$5.40
	- Katie Schneider	\$5.40
	- Cody Matthews	\$5.40
	- Sansheena Ruth	\$5.15
Sub Guards/Concessions	- Matt Fuss	\$6.00
	- Liz Gerrian	\$6.00
	- Jacob McCleese	\$6.00
Concessions Sub	- Beth Gauck	\$5.15

Mathews then handed out a letter from Pool Manager Anita Carfield informing the board what was happening at the pool. She asked the board to please accept her apologies for being unable to attend this evening's meeting. She is presenting a short program at Milroy on the Parks and Recreation Department and the Waggener Community Pool. She wanted to thank Danny Mathews for presenting his update and proposal to Rushville Parks in her place.

Interviews for employees of the pool took place on Thursday, May 1, Saturday May 3 and Saturday May 10. The employees for the 2003 season at Waggener Community Pool have been selected and are being recommended to the board for approval.

Supplies for the guards have been inventoried and should be ordered this week. Swimsuits are being selected and will be ordered soon.

Monday, May 12 we conducted an equipment check; concessions check and began clean up.

The Spears Corporation is being contacted in order to provide training to the new management. As of Monday morning, we were still waiting to hear from them.

Employees and management will be working Saturday, May 17 in the morning on cleaning the pool area.

Saturday, May 24 will be a mandatory in-service for guards and a mandatory meeting for all employees to go over rules and regulations.

Carfield would like to propose that Jesse McCleese be paid a stipend of \$50.00 for conducting an in-service for lifeguards on proper conduct and how to properly watch their stations and rotate in a timely fashion, ect. on May 24.

Kile moved to approve the list of employees for the Waggener Community Pool and to also pay the stipend of \$50.00 for Jesse McCleese. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Brown stated on the list of employees she had down Jean Kopf at \$9.25 and that should be changed to \$9.50. Mathews stated he wasn't sure what the committee had decided on and will make sure he changes that.

Claims: Reveiwed prior to meeting by Kile and Phillips. Phillips moved to approve claims for the month. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discuss Swimming Pool – Mathews stated that Quality Coating came last week. He is not sure if they are finished yet as they left and left equipment at the pool. He has worked day and night to keep the water out. He wasn't sure when they were coming back so today he got a hold of Shannon Mitchell and he has ordered the material and it hasn't come in yet. He was to check on the status of the order today.

Unfinished Business Continued:

Mitchell told Mathews that he was looking at Thursday to finish the job but now they are predicting more rain for Thursday.

Newhouse told Mathews to call them and tell them that we need them here tomorrow.

Mathews stated he would do that.

Mathews stated he is doing everything humanly possible to get this pool open. His guys are doing a good job to keep it ready so they can finish the job.

Everything is ready. When Quality Coating is done, we will put water in it and we will go.

Will run the test to Muncie.

Mathews stated he would call Quality Coating in the morning.

Corn stated he walks every night in the parks and they look really nice.

Brown stated he heard the new monument had profanity on it. Mathews said yes but he used graffiti cleaner on it and it has come off partially.

Brown said he also heard the coating was coming up on the skateboard park court. Mathews said yes it was and that he will get with Stanley's and tell him we have a concern.

Brown said he has also been told kids are writing on the ramps. Mathews said yes. Charlie said maybe we should just paint them black.

Mathews said the grinding rails are ready to be put in the skateboard park. They are really nice and we need to get them into the ground. The Street Department is going to dig the holes. Then we will drill down and set the rails.

Brown said he was ready to build some more pieces but now that all the vandalism is going on he don't feel we should give them something else to destroy.

Once the Street Department gets the holes ready Sharpe will contact all board members and let them know to help.

Mathews then stated that we are having vandalism in South Memorial Park restrooms. They are pulling the paper towels out and toilet paper and setting them on fire.

This morning they caught the trash can on fire. If this continues to happen he feels we should shut the restrooms up in the evenings.

They are either going to burn the restrooms down or someone is going to get hurt.

The Board discussed having Mathews shut the restrooms up at 5:00 p.m. every night and open them back up at 7:00 a.m. in morning.

Jan Voiles shared with the board that an article will be in the paper concerning this problem tomorrow.

Kile moved to close the restrooms at 5:00 p.m. and open them back up at 7:00 a.m. until further notice. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Sharpe stated that she received a call from Jim Todd who helped us out with the monument at the skateboard park. He gave us the limestone slab and gave us the bronze plaque at cost and would like to do a photo op giving him publicity. The board gave Sharpe permission to set up a photo op.

Discuss Budget - Shuppert stated that the Mayor wants this board more involved in the budget process. We need to get more familiarized with the budget. Shuppert asked board members to look over current budget in order to help prepare the budget for next year before it goes to the Mayor. The budget was discussed further.

Kile stated she felt a lot of our goals have been met and that we need to re-visit our Master Plan.

Brown stated he would like to see something done to the old tennis courts. Possibly a hockey court.

Newhouse said that next year would be wise to put money in budget for pool litigation and expert fees.

New Business:

James Woods and Marty Frazier were present representing the Rushville Men's Softball League. They shared with the Parks board that they are getting ready to form a board to manage their league instead of just one person running the whole show. They feel this will make them more organized.

They shared with the board that they pay more to play softball. Their entry fee is \$425 per team and \$50 players fee for a total of \$475 total. The umpire for each game is \$20. ASA Sanction fee is \$200. Liability Insurance is \$30 per team, which is \$240. Twelve dozen balls cost \$480. Season Ending Tourney costs \$340.

The figures below validate our financial situation to start season:

Entry Fees 3800

Umpire Fee (3200) 600

Sanction Fee (200) 400

Balls (480) (-80)

Insurance (240) (-320)

Tourney (340) (-660)

They stated they must run 2 tourneys just to cover above costs.

Concession stand makes no money by the time you pay for someone to watch it.

Scorekeeping is usually done by donated time.

Outfield fence is destroyed and needs replaced. Our estimated cost is about \$3,000 not counting labor. We need new door for concession stand and score booth also needs work.

They are strapped for money just like everyone else. Started the season in the hole.

They have three main concerns: 1) Outfield Fence 2) Lights 3) Concession Stand/Score Booth

They asked the board if there was any way the Parks Board could budget money for next year to help out with these expenses.

Corn stated he thinks the diamonds should take care of the diamonds themselves. He wants to see them keep playing. He enjoys watching games.

Shuppert stated they should involve the Women's League in the expenses too.

Shuppert stated they needed to do fundraisers to put money in their pockets.

Sharpe explained that the skateboard park group raised \$10,000 in less than a year doing fundraisers and shared with him the different fundraisers that they did.

Mathews then explained to the two guys that he didn't realize that they were here asking for money but that he had bad news for them as well.

He explained the electric situation and the expenses involved and asked them to pay 40% of the bill, which amounts to \$1,204.

Frazier told the board that in other towns the Parks board runs the leagues and asked if that was an option.

The Parks board stated "**NO**", did not want no part of that.

Mathews also stated that the Parks Department is asking the schools to pay 40% of the bill and that the Parks Department will pay the remaining 20%.

The board also told the two representatives that they should ask the schools for financial help as the schools use the field too.
The two guys thanked the board for listening to them.

Corn stated that he feels that anyone doing work for the City should have to show proof of Workman's Comp. Insurance as well as Liability Insurance, even if they only have one employee. He said he feels this is very important. He said 60% of the contractors in town don't have coverage.
Brown stated this would limit whom we can use. Corn said yes.
Newhouse said yes but would be cheaper for us to demand the coverage rather than pay the workman's comp suit.
Sharpe will check to see if there is a City ordinance on this that contractors should have and provide Workman's Comp. Insurance as well as Labiality Insurance.

There being no further business, Brown moved to adjourn. Kile seconded.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY